

SENATE BILL 1335

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6 and Title 7, Chapter 67, relative to
sports authorities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-67-108(a)(4), is amended by
adding the following as a new subdivision:

(C) Notwithstanding this section to the contrary:

(i) The membership of a board of directors in a county having a
metropolitan form of government with a population of more than five hundred
thousand (500,000), according to the 2020 federal census, or any subsequent
federal census is vacated and reconstituted to consist of thirteen (13) directors as
follows:

(a) The mayor of the county appoints three (3) directors, with no
more than one (1) appointee being appointed from the same metropolitan
school district in the county;

(b) The governor appoints four (4) directors, with no more than
one (1) appointee being a resident of the same state senatorial district
located in the county, and no more than one (1) appointee being a
resident of the same grand division of the state;

(c) The speaker of the house of representatives appoints three (3)
directors, with no more than one (1) appointee being a resident of the
same house district; and

(d) The speaker of the senate appoints three (3) directors, with no more than one (1) appointee being a resident of the same senatorial district;

(ii) In order to stagger the terms of the newly appointed directors, initial appointments are made as follows:

(a) The directors appointed under subdivision (a)(4)(C)(i)(a) serve initial terms that expire on June 30, 2025;

(b) The directors appointed under subdivision (a)(4)(C)(i)(b) serve initial terms that expire on June 30, 2027; and

(c) The directors appointed under subdivisions (a)(4)(C)(i)(c) and (d) serve initial terms that expire on June 30, 2029;

(iii) Following the expiration of directors' initial terms as prescribed in subdivision (a)(4)(C)(ii), all terms are for six (6) years, to begin on July 1 and terminate on June 30, six (6) years thereafter; and

(iv) The appointing authorities shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) director is a female and at least one (1) director is of a racial minority.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.